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Youth Advisory Committee selects new members

New members of the state's Board of Agriculture Youth Advisory Committee began their duties May 15 at a forum reaching out to young and new agricultural producers.

Patrick Zimmerer of Huntly and Dalin Winters of Otto were elected to the board March 1. They will each serve a four year term. The advisory committee aims to continue targeting young producers in the state.

Winters said he is very excited to be a part of the board, and he is looking forward to being involved in the decision making process with issues affecting the state.

Zimmerer is a farmer and rancher on his family's 100-year-old operation, which mainly consists of cattle and corn. In 2001, Zimmerer diversified the farm and started Wyoming's first full-scale vineyard and winery. He serves as President of the state's Grape and Wine Association. Zimmerer has a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics and agriculture communications and is a 2004 graduate of the University of Wyoming's College of Law.

Winters runs his family farm and ranch with his parents and wife, Hanna. His family operation consists of grain crops and alfalfa, along with an 800 head ewe flock and feedlot. He is also an agricultural business consultant who works with area farmers, ranchers and business people in the decision making process.

Aside from his agricultural endeavors, Winters is the part owner of Superior Countertops LLC, a solid surface countertop business. Winters graduated from the University of Wyoming with a master's degree in agriculture and applied economics. He is a part of the Gamma Sigma Delta College of Agriculture Honor Society, an Eagle Scout and winner of the University's business consulting competition. A true outdoorsman, Winters enjoys hunting, fishing and camping.

The Youth Advisory Committee was formed in 2004 as a non-voting body of the Board of Agriculture. The committee members each represent one of four quadrants of the state. Members are primarily engaged in agricultural careers, and range from ages 18 to 30. Zimmerer and Winters will join Emily Horton of Shoshoni and David Largent of Kaycee on the advisory committee.

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